

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Resume of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet on Monday, May 9, 2005, at 2 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 2043–2065; and; 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 1143, and H. Res. 253, 256, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 32, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide criminal penalties for trafficking in counterfeit marks, amended (H. Rept. 109–68);

H. Res. 254, providing for consideration of H.R. 366, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to strengthen and improve programs under that Act (H. Rept. 109–69);

H. Res. 255, providing for consideration of H.R. 1185, to reform the Federal deposit insurance system (H. Rept. 109–70);

H.R. 1187, Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, amended (H. Rept. 109–71, Part 1); and

Conference Report to accompany H.R. 1268, making Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief (H. Rept. 109–72).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Petri to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:56 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Commission on Civil Rights—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment, upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, of Mr. Michael Yaki of San Francisco, California to the Commission on Civil Rights for a six-year term.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Congratulating charter schools for their contributions to education: H. Res. 218, congratulating charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education;

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Honoring the late playwright Arthur Miller and the University of Michigan: H. Res. 216, amended, to honor the late playwright Arthur Miller and the University of Michigan for its intention of building a theatre in his name; and

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Observing the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Republic of Vietnam: H. Res. 228, amended, observing the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Republic of Vietnam to the Communist forces of North Vietnam, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 416 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 152.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: resolution honoring the contributions of Vietnamese Americans to American society over the past three decades.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings will resume tomorrow, May 4.

Calling on the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to transfer Charles Ghankay Taylor to the Special Court for Sierra Leone: H. Con. Res. 127, calling on the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to transfer Charles Ghankay Taylor, former President of the Republic of Liberia, to the Special Court for Sierra Leone to be tried for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other serious violations of international humanitarian law;

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Recognizing the 60th anniversary of VE Day and the Liberation of Western Bohemia: H. Res. 195, recognizing the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day and the Liberation of Western Bohemia; and

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Recognizing the 60th anniversary of VE Day during WWII: H. Res. 233, amended, recognizing the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day during World War II.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:15 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

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Privileged Resolution: The House agreed that the Chair be authorized to postpone further proceedings on a motion to lay on the table H. Res. 253 to a time designated by the Speaker.

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The House agreed to table H. Res. 253, relating to a question of privileges of the House by a yeand-nay vote of 220 to 196 nays, Roll No. 151.

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Late Report: Agreed that the managers on the part of the House have until midnight tonight to file the conference report to accompany H.R. 1268.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Nadler announced his intention to offer a privileged resolution raising a question of the privileges of the House.

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Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress—Appointments: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of Mr. Timothy J. Johnson of Minnetonka, Minnesota to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

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Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she appointed Dr. Joseph Cooper of Maryland to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

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Read a letter from the Clerk of the House wherein he appointed Susan Palmer of Aurora, Illinois to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeand-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2777–78 and H2778–79. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

Committee on Appropriations: Held a hearing on the Architect of the Capitol. Testimony was heard from Alan Hantman, Architect of the Capitol.

OVERSIGHT—USA PATRIOT ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and the Committee on Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on the Implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act: Sections 201, 202, 223 of the Act that Address Criminal Wiretaps, and Section 213 of the Act that Addresses Delayed Notice. Testimony was heard from Chuck Rosenberg, Chief of Staff, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Michael Sullivan, U.S. Attorney, District of Massachusetts; former Representative Bob Barr of Georgia; and a public witness.

VOCATION AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 366, Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report may be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read,